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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2333**  
Toshimitsu ISHIKAWA et al. : Docket No. 00724/P10-258981/AM/SAN/US  
Serial No. 09/393,168 : Group Art Unit 1617  
Filed September 10, 1999 : Examiner Edward J. Webman  
SOFT CAPSULE :

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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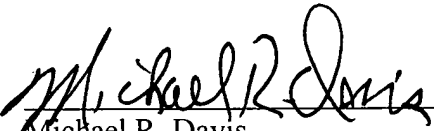
Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated July 7, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-22.

- ☐ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
- ☒ The extension fee of \$475.00 for a three month extension of time is submitted with the attached Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☒ The Appeal Fee of ☐ \$330.00 (other than Small Entity)  
☒ \$165.00 (Small Entity)
- ☒ is enclosed
- ☐ is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. The original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.
- ☒ Small entity status of this application is established by the verified statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 which
- ☐ is enclosed.
- ☒ has been previously submitted.

() The Appeal Fee is not required since it was paid in a prior appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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